

DETAILED ACTION

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. The applicant required further clarification of the details of the Smith reference. Specifically the hydrogen content of the silicon nitride, which the applicant noted was an inherent property of silicon nitride deposited using a plasma of ammonia and silane. Further, the relationship shown by Smith between wavelength, silicon content and transmissivity was explored.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID GOODWIN whose telephone number is (571)272-8451. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9:00am through 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Loke can be reached on (571)272-1657. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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